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REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3 through 9, and 11 through 21 remain in this application.

Claims 2 and 10 have been cancelled. No claims have been withdrawn.

Claims 22 through 24 have been added.

The Examiner's rejections will be considered in the order of their occurrence in the Office Action.

Paragraph 2 through 7 of the Office Action

Claims 1 through 3, 9 and 10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Kobayakawa.

Claims 4 through 6 and 11 through 13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kobayakawa in view of Hashimoto.

Claims 7, 8 14 and 15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kobayakawa.

Claims 16 through 21 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kobayakawa in view of Hashimoto.

Claim 1, particularly as amended, requires "providing an information handling system with a housing having at least a closed orientation and an open orientation, the information handling system including a power switch located on an external surface of the housing of the information handling system when the housing is in the closed orientation such that the external power switch may be actuated by contact when the information handling system is in the closed orientation". Claim 9 requires in part "an external power switch located on an external surface of one of the display portion and the input portion such that the external power switch is manipulable by

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a user in both the open orientation of the information handling system and the closed orientation of the information handling system" and "wherein positioning of the locking member within the receptacle disables at least one criterion for transition from a power-off state to a power-on state of the information handling system as initiated by the external power switch of the information handling system". Claim 16 requires "detecting an indication from an information handling system of the orientation of the information handling system into one of the at least three orientations, the at least three orientations including an open orientation, a closed orientation and a tablet orientation, each of the orientations being characterized by the external power switch being externally accessible and being actuatable by contact with the external power switch" and "instigating a criterion for transition from a first power state to a second power state of the information handling system as initiated by the external power switch of the information handling system, wherein the criterion is dependent on which of the at least three orientations the information handling system is positioned at a time of actuation of the external power switch". (All emphasis added.)

It is submitted that the cited patents, and especially the allegedly obvious combination of Kobayakawa and Hashimoto set forth in the rejection of the Office Action, would not lead one skilled in the art to the applicant's invention as required by claims 1, 9, and 16. Further, claims 3 through 8, which depend from claim 1, claims 11 through 15 which depend from claim 9, and claims 17 through 21 which depend from claim 16, also include the requirements discussed above and therefore are also submitted to be in condition for allowance.

Withdrawal of the §102(b) and §103(a) rejections of claims 1; 3 through 9, and 11 through 21 is therefore respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, early reconsideration and allowance of this application are most courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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